

## SHORE FISHERMEN PROTEST RULING

Because the local fish dealers decided that the smallest ground fish which would be accepted under the market classification would be 23 inches instead of 20 and that no more iced fish would be accepted from the fishermen, 150 indignant shore fishermen held a meeting of their union at North Sydney, C. B., recently and decided that unless the fish dealers agreed to their terms there would be no more fish landed at the North Sydney wharves after last Saturday.

The demands of the union, which come as a counter proposition to that which the dealers are attempting to enforce, are that the same prices and classifications as those in vogue in Canso be used here and that the fishermen be charged a fair price for frozen bait.

At present the Canso fishermen are getting one and three-quarter cents for large cod, one cent and one-half for market and haddock and one cent straight for shack or scrod. The North Sydney fishermen have been getting only one and one-half cents for their steak fish, one and one-quarter cents for market and one-half cent for scrod and all haddock has been classified as scrod. In addition to this they have been paying from three to three and one-half cents a pound for frozen herring for bait and now the size of fish which will be accepted as market fish has been raised. In addition to this the dealers want the fishermen to land their catches daily instead of icing their fish and making two-days trips as has been their custom in the past.

There are about 20 boats, each carrying crews of from five to 10 men, involved in the present difficulty and three fish dealers. Shortly after the North Sydney fishermen's union was organized last fall these fishermen adopted a policy of boycotting a certain fish dealer which resulted in the best prices ever paid for fall cod and haddock being given the fishermen.

The decision of the fishermen to demand a reduction in the price of frozen bait also brings to a head a problem which has long been a troublesome one to the fishing industry of this port.

### Change in Light.

The Lighthouse Bureau has changed the frequency of the Boston Lightship and Cape Cod Lighthouse radio beacons, so that each will hereafter operate on 284 kilocycles, and send in clear weather during the third 15 minutes of each hour. These two signals will also be so synchronized that one will send during the silent interval of the other. The change is expected to increase the efficiency of this already wonderful aid to navigation.

## LONE SEINER SOLE ARRIVAL

### THINGS PRETTY QUIET ALONG THE WATERFRONT TODAY.

One lonesome seiner with 1200 pounds of medium-sized mackerel has been the only craft to reach port since yesterday morning with fish, and as a result things are pretty dry along the harbor front this morning. Not even a gill netter lifted yesterday, all of the boats having hauled out for a while.

#### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Boat Linta, seining, 1200 lbs. fresh mackerel.

Boat Mary A., via Boston.

#### Sailed.

Sch. Beauty St. Joseph, dragging.

Sch. Gertrude Parker, Boston.

Boat Jackie B., seining.

Sch. Grace and Evelyn, dragging.

Sch. Geraldine and Phyllis, dragging.

#### On the Railways.

Boat Virginia and Mary is on Rocky Neck railways.

## BOSTON SUPPLY IS QUITE HEAVY

### SOME MACKEREL AND SWORD- FISH IN TODAY'S ARRIVALS— MARKET GOOD.

A fleet of 21 craft furnished the supply for the dealers on the Boston fish pier this morning. Total receipts were 825,000 pounds of ground-fish, 291 swordfish, 53,000 pounds of fresh mackerel; 41,000 pounds of bullseye mackerel, 70,000 pounds of mixed fish. Prices continued good on all varieties.

#### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

Boat Santana D., 3000 mackerel, 7000 bullseyes.

Sch. James M. Burke, 16,000 mackerel, 2000 bullseyes.

Sch. St. John, 16,000 bullseyes.

Sch. Lochinvar, 80 swordfish.

Sch. Doris F. Amero, 92 swordfish.

Sch. Evalina M. Goulart, 119 swordfish.

Boat Capt. Drum, 24,000 mackerel.

Boat Beatrice S., 5000 mackerel, 2000 bullseyes, 2700 blinks.

Boat Sunflower, 5000 mackerel, 14,000 bullseyes.

Str. White Cap, 66,000 haddock, 500 cod, 1500 mixed fish.

Str. Billow, 43,000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 10,000 mixed fish.

Str. Dorchester, 83,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3500 mixed fish.

Sch. Gertrude M. Fauci, 55,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 2000 mixed fish.

Sch. Pauline M. Boland, 30,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 mixed fish.

Boat Marietta B., 47,000 haddock, 37,000 cod, 15,000 mixed fish.

Sch. Catherine Graffeo, 22,000 haddock, 4500 cod, 5500 mixed fish.

Sch. Dawn, 33,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 26,000 hake.

Sch. Isabel Parker, 41,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 28,000 hake, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Catherine Burke, 20,000 haddock, 35,000 cod, 23,000 hake.

Sch. Philip P. Manta, 24,000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 20,000 hake.

Sch. Henrietta, 38,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 20,000 hake.

Boat Robert and Edwin, 5700 mixed fish.

Boat Alphonso, 3700 mixed fish.

Boat Mayo II., 5200 mixed fish.

Boat Leonardo, 4700 mixed fish.

Boat Ethel, 6200 mixed fish.

Boat Barbara C., 5700 mixed fish.

Haddock, \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$4; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1; pollock, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.50; gray sole, 3 to 4 cents per pound; lemon sole, 5 cents; black backs, 3 cents; yellow tails, 4 cents; dabs, 3 cents; mackerel, 11 cents; blinks, 7 cents; bullseyes, 3 cents; catfish, 5 cents; swordfish 15 to 20 cents.



## OF INTEREST TO THE FISHERIES

### Halibut Landings at Vancouver, B. C.

according to figures furnished by the Canadian Department of Marine and Fisheries in Vancouver, and forwarded to the Department of Commerce on July 17, by American Vice Consul Sidney A. Belovsky at the above place, there were 1,865 pounds of halibut valued at \$27,510 landed in Vancouver and vicinity during June, 1930, as compared with landings of 237,600 pounds during the same month of 1929.

The total amount of halibut landed in the Vancouver fisheries district for the first six months of 1930, amounted to 479,265 pounds as compared with 698,400 pounds for the same period in 1929. The entire amount of halibut shown above were landed by Canadian vessels.

### Newfoundland Fisheries.

The trapping season, which started in June, has been rather disappointing in general, but as the best trap fishery is carried on in July, an average voyage is expected, according to information submitted to the Department of Commerce in a report dated July 5, from American Vice Consul Thomas D. Bergin at St. John's, Newfoundland. The months of April, May and June are not, as a rule, heavy fishing months, and failure of the catch in any section of the country during this period is not looked upon with apprehension.

Reports from the bank fishery indicate a catch equal to last year, but most of these vessels are now on the fishery grounds, their actual catches cannot be ascertained.

The markets for Newfoundland salt fish continue depressing and local catches are moving slowly. It is estimated that there are 5,600,000 pounds on hand, of which 2,800,000 pounds have been sold and were scheduled to go forward early in July. This is not considered a large amount at this season of the year, as salt fish (except bank fish) will not be ready for shipment before September.

The increase in the catch of the cod and fishery is again disturbing the trade, Iceland being reported to have doubled its export of salt fish in 1926. With more care given to the catch and marketing, Newfoundland

exporters are hopeful of regaining the position they once held in foreign fish markets.

During April and May the pack of herring was good, but the quality somewhat inferior to that of last year, especially the Scotch cure for the American market. The total shipments during the quarter under review were 6,896 barrels to the American market, 145 to the Canadian market, and 1,657 barrels to the European market. The remaining stock for shipment of this pack is 640 barrels.

The catch of salmon up to July 1 has been very successful, and it is estimated that the quantity of salmon frozen this season will be far in excess of any season on record since this industry was inaugurated.

The pack of lobster, thus far, has been equal to last season. Export statistics show that only 603 cases of lobster have been shipped since January 1, 1930.

### Nova Scotian Lobster Fishing.

Lobsters were unusually plentiful during the opening weeks of the season, but they showed a tendency to become scarce by June 30, according to information forwarded to the Department of Commerce on July 5, by American Consul O. Gaylord Marsh at Sidney. The price received by fishermen varied from 5 1-2 to 6 cents per pound as compared with seven cents one year ago, a condition accounted for by the large quantities available, by a carry-over of a part of last year's output, and by competition from Japanese crab meat. However, the lower price was offset by the larger catch. Most of the canneries worked at near to full capacity, and while no definite statement can be made regarding the general results of the lobster season, it is thought that a successful year will be reported.

### Porto Rican Fishing Industry.

Notwithstanding that it is an island, located in waters which are presumably rich in marine life, Porto Rico has not had, in modern times, anything that could be called a fishing industry, states American Trade Commissioner J. R. McKey at San Juan, in a report forwarded to the Department of Commerce under date

of July 14. The people of the island are large consumers of fish, but they buy it elsewhere. Of the shipments coming from the United States the important items are haddock, hake and pollock, cod and herring. The bulk of imports from foreign countries is dried cod from Newfoundland.

## MORE MACKEREL AT HUB TODAY

### NINE SEINERS AMONG FLEET OF 28 IN FISH PIER FLEET.

Receipts at the Boston fish pier this morning comprised 705,000 of groundfish, 169 swordfish, 22,000 pounds of bullseye mackerel; 70,000 pounds of mixed fish, 219,000 pounds of fresh mackerel and 5 barrels of salt mackerel. There were 28 arrivals, including nine seiners and three with swordfish. Prices were a little lower, particularly on mackerel.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:  
Str. Spray, 30,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 14,000 mixed fish.  
Str. Tide, 45,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 mixed fish.  
Str. Harvard, 68,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 7000 mixed fish.  
Str. Brant, 62,000 haddock, 31,000 cod, 9000 mixed fish.  
Sch. Vagabond, 60,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 12,000 mixed fish.  
Boat Lucia, 46,000 haddock.  
Sch. John Mantia, 40,000 haddock.  
Boat Nina B., 28,000 haddock, 7500 cod, 7800 mixed fish.  
Boat Sea Ranger, 30,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 5300 mixed fish.  
Boat Olive M. Williams, 20,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 4000 hake.  
Sch. Rhodora, 20,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 4000 hake, 8000 cusk.  
Sch. Angie B. Watson, 8000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 8000 hake.  
Sch. Little Ruth, 18,000 cod.  
Boat Rosie, 12,000 mixed fish.  
Sch. Gertrude M. Fauci, 32,000 haddock, 5500 cod, 5000 hake.  
Boat St. Rita, 37,000 mackerel.  
Boat Nova Julia, 40,000 mackerel.  
Boat Famiglia, 18,000 mackerel.  
Boat Bethulia, 28,000 mackerel.  
Boat Cormorant, 22,000 bullseyes.  
Boat Antonina, 40,000 mackerel.  
Sch. Mary F. Curtis, 10,000 mackerel.  
Boat Rosie P., 8000 mackerel.  
Boat Leretha, 18,000 mackerel.  
Boat Lois H. Corkum, 20,000 mackerel, 5 bbls. salt mackerel.  
Boat Virginia and Joan, 50 swordfish, 1 turtle.  
Sch. Albert W. Black, 50 swordfish.  
Sch. Newcastle, 69 swordfish.  
Haddock, \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1; pollock, \$1.50; cusk, \$1.50; gray sole, 3 cents to 6 cents per lb.; lemon sole, 4 cents; blackbacks, 3 cents; yellow tails, 4 cents; dabs, 2 cents; mackerel, 4 1-2 cents; blinks, 2 cents; bullseyes, 1 cent; swordfish, 15 cents, 21 1-2 cents and 22 cents.